Statutory Development Boards for Marathwada and Vidarbha

2484. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have sent any proposal for statutory Development Board for Marathwada and Vidarbha according to article 371(2)a, b and c of Indian Constitution; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) A proposal to give effect to the provisions of article 371(2) of the Constitution in Maharashtra has been received from the Government of Maharashtra. The proposal is under consideration.

Harbouring of Sri Lankan Militants and Smugglers

2485. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Indian Express Madras edition, dated 22nd July, 1990 regarding harbouring of Sri Lankan militants and smugglers by a noted smuggler living in Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The information is being obtained from the Government of Tamil Nadu and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Submission of Report on Vigyan Bhavan Fire

2486. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different views expressed by the members of the panel set up to enquire into the devastating fire at the Vigyan Bhavan was the main cause of delay in submission of the report to Government; and

(b) if so, what were the exact views expressed by the members of the panel on Vigyan Bhavan fire disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The members of the Committee have given a joint report.

Reports of Thakkar Commission and Kuldeep Singh Commission

2487. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Thakkar Commission and Kuldeep Singh Commission Reports public;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The Interim and Final Reports of Thakkar Commission of Inquiry alongwith Memoranda of Action Taken were laid on the Table of the House on 27th March, 1989 and made public.

A copy of the report of Kuldeep Singh Commission Report has already been placed in the Parliament Lib-

rary for the information of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament. According to Section 3(4) of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, the report of the Commission is required to be laid before the House of the People together with a Memorandum of the action taken thereon, within a period of six months of the submission of the report by the Commission to the Government. Action in pursuance of this provision is being taken by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Punjab Governor's views on operation Bluestar

2488. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV:
SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Governor, Shri Vierndra Verma, has described Operation Bluestar as Himalayan Blunder and has offered apologies for the same; and

(b) if so, what are the views of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Government have seen news reports attributing to the Governor, a statement in this regard. Another news-item published in the national dailies on 28th July, 1990 to the effect that the Governor had clarified that the views expressed by him about Operation Blue Star were his personal views has also come to notice. The Government have no comments in this regard.

Law and Order Situation in the Country

2489. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV:
SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the law and order situation in the country has recently deteriorated;

(b) what is the total number of killings, murders, rapes, atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu in the first six months of 1990 as compared to the corresponding period of last year; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to control the law and order situation in the coming months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Under the VIIIth Schedule to the Constitution 'public order' and 'police' are State subjects. The primary responsibility for maintenance of law and order thus directly devolves on the State Governments. Nevertheless, the Central Government remains in touch with the State Governments and constantly monitors and reviews the situation. As and when necessary, suitable assistance is provided to the State Governments.

The information relating to Tamil Nadu is being obtained and a Statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

मंत्रियों, संसद सदस्यों और सरकारी अधिकारियों के विदेशी दौरे

2490. डा० अबरार अहमद खान क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन मंत्रियों, सरकारी अधिकारियों तथा संसद् सदस्यों के नाम क्या